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SUBJECT: INQUIRY RE CECILIA BINIMELIS

REF: A) STATE 201198 B) SANTIAGO 7910 C) SANTIAGO 8027

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER TELEGRAPHIC INQUIRY ON CECILIA BINIMELIS. IT IS FROM JOSEPH HOLLAND, CENTER OF CONCERN, WASHINGTON, D.C., WHO ASKS THAT THE EMBASSY INVESTIGATE THE IMPRISONMENT AND "REPORTED TORTURE" OF BINIMELIS, "A FORMER EMBASSY EMPLOYEE."

2. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO COMMUNICATE TO MR. HOLLAND APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF REF B, NOTING PARTICULARLY OUR DOUBT THAT SHE WOULD BE MISTREATED. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT MISS BINIMELIS HAS BEEN TORTURED AND ARE AWARE OF NO REPORT TO THAT EFFECT.

3. THE ASSERTION THAT SHE WORKED FOR THE EMBASSY APPARENTLY STEMS FROM A STATEMENT SHE LEFT IN HER ROOM GIVING HER PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING WORK WITH THE EMBASSY LABOR SECTION. THIS ASSERTION WAS REPEATED IN RADIO BALMACEDA'S FIRST ACCOUNT OF HER DETENTION. WE HAVE CHECKED OUR FILES AND COLLECTIVE MEMORY AND COME UP WITH NO INDICATION SHE EVER WORKED FOR US. MOREOVER, HER ROOMMATE AT THE TIME OF HER DETENTION, LORETO SISTER MARY VISSE (REF A) TOLD US SHE HAD NO IDEA WHY BINIMELIS LISTED THE EMBASSY AMONG HER PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS.

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